

GRAND MASTER ASKINS

A Devoted Odd Fellow Placed at the Head of the Grand Lodge.

The election of Mr. Jacob B. Askins as Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the District of Columbia was a fitting recognition of the long and meritorious service that worthy gentleman has rendered the fraternity. He has always stood for co-operation and progress, and his first aim as the premier of the District Grand Lodge will be to use every honorable endeavor to bring about a bet-



MR. JACOB B. ASKINS.

ter feeling and understanding among the 2,000 members of the twenty-seven lodges that make up this jurisdiction.

Mr. Askins is a native of Louisiana, and is 46 years of age. He is in possession of a liberal education, acquired in public and private schools in the Pelican State. Since coming to Washington, he has served the United States Government in the House of Representatives and in the Treasury Department, entering the latter place in 1893, and is still there. He is the founder of John and Jacob's Lodge, No. 2482, New Orleans, but connected himself here with Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1477, of which he is now treasurer, having also filled the post of advocate. He has been chief of staff of Patriarche, No. 18, and served as assistant Worthy Recorder of the same. He is now in his third term as president of the Odd Fellows' Lyceum. He headed the District delegation to the 10th B. M. C. in 1901. His election to the Grand Mastership of the local grand lodge took place September 11, succeeding Mr. James W. Muse, a man of great executive capacity.

Mr. Askins is a newspaper writer, and has contributed many articles to leading journals, notably the Washington Post and Star. His productions on "The Negro as a Citizen" and "The Negro and Free Coinage" were heartily commended by Senators Cullom, Gear, Mason, Frye, Lodge, Dolliver, Speaker Henderson and the late President McKinley. Mr. Askins is now at the B. M. C. in New Haven as a delegate, and his influence is being widely felt in the dispatch of the great business affairs of the order.

DEATH'S DOINGS.

During the past few days the angel of death has been unusually busy, and the ranks of well-known people have been seriously and painfully depleted by his visits.

Thursday, October 2d, Mrs. Addie Barbour, daughter of Philip and Mary Barbour, died. Funeral services were held Sunday at 1 p. m. at Zion Baptist Church.

At the family residence, 424 Wilson street, Friday, October 3d, Mrs. Isabella Cherry, wife of the late Matthew Cherry, departed this life. Rev. G. W. Lee conducted the funeral ceremonies Sunday, at 2 p. m., at Vermont Avenue Baptist Church.

After a lingering illness, William C. Gordon died Thursday, October 2d, at

his residence, 424 Elm street northwest. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Georgie Gordon, and other sorrowing relatives. The funeral occurred Saturday at 2 p. m., at Lincoln Temple, Rev. Sterling N. Brown officiating.

Sunday, at Plymouth Congregational Church, another funeral took place, that of William Andrew Payne, husband of the late Avelyn Tyler Payne, who died October 1, at his home, 1328 New Hampshire avenue northwest.

SCIENCE AND MISCELLANY.

A neat little pamphlet entitled "Science and Miscellany" has been issued by Miss Laura P. Lennon, of Atlanta, Ga. It treats of the philosophy of life among peoples and races, and draws scientific deductions from a study of their religions, social and physical aspects. Her reasoning, while brief and suggestive only of its depth of her research, is clear, cogent and broad-gauged. Bishop H. M. Turner contributes an introduction which sets forth an admirable prospectus of the booklet and pays a handsome tribute to its author. Miss Lennon, while only 20 years of age, is a graduate of Clark University and Morris Brown College, and is at present secretary of "The Voice of the People" and of the Sixth Episcopal District of the A. M. E. Church.

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